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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I believe in competition and have specifically chosen a smaller, local fiber network provider for my phone/internet. Before that I had another local business connect us with DSL and had chosen an independent phone provider.

When I was younger, my parents were subject to the billing whims of "ma bell." We witnessed the break up of that monopoly and have seen the benefits of competition ever since. Competition in broadband, fiber and phone service is important to all us in America. Whether you live in a rural community where the big providers refuse to lay cable or in a big city where big providers often dominate the market, it is imperative that local, small providers be allowed to compete in the market place.

Please do not allow AT&T and other large telecom companies take away our right to choose smaller, independent and local telecom providers. Competition builds innovation and that's just what America needs.

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